



Fatality #11 - May 23, 2005
Powered Haulage - WI - Sand and Gravel
Michels Pipeline Construction Inc. - Plant #2

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On May 23, 2005, a 57 year-old laborer, with 8 years and 9 months mining experience, was fatally injured at a sand and gravel operation. The victim and a co-worker were attempting to load a 10 foot by 5 foot by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch steel plate onto a flatbed truck using a chain attached to a front-end loader. When the steel plate was placed upright on the truck bed, the chain unhooked from the plate. Both the plate and the victim, who was standing on the truck attempting to steady it, fell to the ground and the plate crushed him.



Best Practices

- Conduct a Risk Assessment before beginning a task, to evaluate the work procedures, identify all possible hazards, and ensure steps are taken to safely perform the task.
- Establish procedures to safely complete tasks and ensure miners communicate clearly with each other.
- Ensure that miners are not positioned in areas where they are exposed to hazards from suspended loads.
- Use hitches and slings that are suitable for the material being lifted. Ensure that taglines are used when loads require guidance or steadying.

This is the 11th fatality reported in calendar year 2005 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2004, there were 8 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 2nd fatality classified as Falling Material in 2005. There was one Falling Material fatality during the same period in 2004.